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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. AT A JAN. 11 MEETING IN S/NM, THE DEPARTMENT (S/NM AND SOV) TOLD DEA THAT WE WANT TO DEFER ANY DECISION ON A DEA VISIT TO MOSCOW UNTIL AFTER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS IN PLACE. DEA URGED THAT WE PROCEED QUICKLY AFTER INAUGURATION DAY. THEY SAID THEY WANT TO SEND THEIR ATTACHE FROM EMBASSY BONN AND A SENIOR DEA PARIS OFFICER TO (A) EXPLORE WITH THE SOVIETS THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATING IN EXCHANGING INFORMATION ABOUT DRUG TRAFFICKING; AND (B) INTERVIEW THE MOSCOW THREE IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP A CASE AGAINST THE DRUG IMPORTERS IN THE US WHO MAY HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE OPERATION. DEA DOES NOT BELIEVE THE STORY ABOUT THE CHINESE MAN RECRUITING THE THREE IN AMSTERDAM. THEY SAY THAT AMSTER HAD MADE PREVIOUS COURIER TRIPS AND HAS CONNECTIONS WITH ORGANIZED CRIME. WE  
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WILL BE WRESTLING WITH ALL THIS IN WASHINGTON IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

2. A MARTIN GARBIS CALLED US TO SAY THAT HE WAS TOLD BY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH JOE PRESEL, WHO WOULD SET UP MEETINGS FOR HIM WITH JEWISH ACTIVISTS IN MOSCOW NEXT WEEK. WE TOLD GARBIS OF

OUR POLICY OF NOT GETTING INVOLVED IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH

CONTACTS SINCE THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY COULD BE DAMAGING TO EMBOFF AND PERHAPS TO SOVIET INVOLVED. GARBIS ACCEPTED THIS BUT WILL PROBABLY CALL PRESEL NEXT WEEK. WE ALSO TOLD HIM OF RECENT PROBLEMS INVOLVING DETENTIONS AND CONFISCATIONS OF MATERIALS AT AIRPORTS.

3. TELL JOE PRESSEL WE HAVE RECEIVED THE ARCHIVE. I WILL HOLD IT HERE UNTIL WE CAN CHECK WITH JAKOBSON WHO IS NOT AVAILABLE RIGHT AWAY, OR WITH THE OWNER HIMSELF. I DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH SHEVORSHKIN UNTIL I HAVE CONSULTED WITH JAKOBSON.

4. FLORENTSIYA APARTMENTS - EMBASSY'S 503 VERY HELPFUL IN EXPLAINING ISSUES INVOLVED IN LEASING AND CONTRACTING IN SOVIET UNION. INDICATIONS ARE THAT FBO AND EUR/EX WILL APPROVE EMBASSY (KAP) SIGNING US PROPOSED LEASE ON FLORENTSIYA WITHOUT OFFENSIVE CLAUSE WHICH SAYS ONLY SOVIET WORKERS CAN DO FINISHING WORK. HOWEVER, ESSENTIAL TO HAVE ITEMIZED LIST OF ITEMS WE REQUESTED SOVIETS DO AT FLORENTSIA BEFORE FBO WILL GIVE APPROVAL. FBO HUNG UP ON GETTING LIST BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER GUN BY RECENT INSPECTION TO JUSTIFY EVERYTHING THEY APPROVE AS BEING ITEMS USG SHOULD PAY. SUGGEST EMBASSY LIST THOSE THINGS SPECIFIED IN JUNE 9 AKT, PLUS KNOOP'S SPECIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUESTED DURING KNOOP'S VISIT AND INDICATE THESE ITEMS NECESSARY AND ABOVE SOVIET NORMS. ONCE LIST RECEIVED, WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET OUT OUR CABLE  
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OF INSTURCTIONS WITH THE STORY WE TOLD YOU ABOUT.

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